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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr.

DATE: June 11, 2003

SUBJECT: Approval of Funding Formula for the McKinney-Vento
Homeless Assistance Act Grants

The Michigan Department of Education awards approximately \$1.5 million in annual grants to serve homeless children and youth under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. On March 27, 2003, the State Board of Education approved grant criteria to ensure that grants are awarded on the basis of need and the ability of the applicant to meet the identified needs of the homeless children and youth in its service area.

Once annual grant applications have been selected in accordance with these criteria, staff recommends the following funding formula to distribute grant funds based on need, while at the same time providing each grantee with a base amount to ensure that basic services can be provided, particularly in sparsely populated areas.

Recommended funding formula for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act grants:

A base amount of \$10,000 will be awarded to each successful applicant.

2. The remaining funds will be distributed among successful applicants based on the average number of homeless students served by each grantee. This average number will be determined by adding the number of homeless students served in the prior year to the estimated number to be served in the new year and dividing the sum by two.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the funding formula for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act grants as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 11, 2003.

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